

Message Text

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SY CHANNEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: KIDNAPPING THREAT AGAINST USAID CONTRACT EMPLOYEE

1. VALENTIN B. SUAZO, JR., COUNTY PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE, RECEIVED A TELEPHONIC THREAT AT HIS OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY. THE CALLER SAID HE WAS "A FRIEND OF A FRIEND--GIVING GOOD ADVICE." AND STATED "A CONTRACT HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY KIDNAPPED."

2. SUAZO SAID THE CALL WAS RECEIVED ABOUT NOON AND THAT THE CALLER WAS A THAI MALE WHO SPOKE EXCELLENT ENGLISH. SUAZO NOTED HE TOLD THE CALLER HE WAS NOT AFRAID AND DEMANDED HIS IDENTIFY. THE CALLER THEN HUNG UP.

3. THE FOLLOWING DAY, SUAZO MENTIONED THE CALL TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER. THE OFFICER IMMEDIATELY CALLED IN RSO. SUAZO WAS INTERVIEWED. RSO CONTACTED POLICE MAJ GENERAL SANEH SITTIPUNT, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BANGKOK METROPOLITAN POLICE. THE GENERAL STATED HE WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION--PLACING BOTH SUAZO'S HOME AND OFFICE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. HE ADDED HIS OFFICE WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES WITH AAFLI STAFFERS AND WITH THAI LABOR UNION CONTACTS. HE ALSO ASKED THAT RSO FORMALLY INFORM POLICE LT GENERAL SUWAN RATANACHUEN, COMMISSIONER,
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METROPOLITAN POLICE, SO THAT SUWAN COULD TAKE ACTION WHICH MIGHT BE DEMANDED. THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

4. SUAZO'S OFFICE SUITE IS IN A POLICE-GUARDED BUILDING. ADDITIONAL ROVING GUARDS ARE BEING ADDED. HIS HOME, WHERE HE RESIDES WITH HIS WIFE, TWO SONS (15 AND 13 YEARS OLD) AND A 10-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER WILL ALSO BE UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE.

RSO BRIEFED SUAZO ON COUNTER-SURVEILLANCE TECHNIQUES AND ON
MANNER OF IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATING WITH RSO AND/OR POLICE.

5. WILL CONTINUE REPORTING AS CASE DEVELOPS. SUAZO IS AWARE
OF THE CONCERN OF THE EMBASSY WITH REGARD TO THIS THREAT.

6. IN VIEW OF THE AFL INVOLVEMENT, PLEASE INFORM EA DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY.
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